

HUNDREDS ARE ON THE LIST

Inauguration Committees to Be Formed From 2,500 Names.

NEW LIBRARY ABANDONED

Twenty Prominent Colored Men Will Serve on the Public Comfort Committee—The Pension Office Is the Place for Inaugural Bill—Democrats Want to Take Active Part.

Twenty-five hundred names are before the inauguration executive committee for consideration in forming the various committees, as against 1,543 in 1889. This is an extraordinarily large number—by one thousand nearly—but the fact is explained by the statement that unusual interest is felt in the inaugural event. Executive Chairman Bell states that this time the celebration embraces Republicans and Democrats alike, and, therefore, its more general character has necessarily led to a greater number of committees. In days gone by some trouble was experienced in getting enough prominent Republicans to fill out the committees, but now there is more than an abundance.

Mr. Bell has received very few refusals to serve from those who have hitherto not taken any part, and it is a fact that many have voluntarily and personally placed their names in his hands for use in committee formation. This has been done by Democrats as well as Republicans. It is hoped to have the various committees completed, organized and ready for work by the end of the week. All the names have been alphabetically arranged in a register, and opposite them is placed the titles of the various committees for which they have been suggested.

Before Saturday night Mr. Bell expects he shall have given over these names, sifted them out and given over more committees than he can properly serve upon. Then the public announcement will be made.

NEW LIBRARY ABANDONED.

It is positively ascertained that the new library building will not be used. All hope of securing it has been abandoned by the executive committee, and to active steps are being taken at the Capitol to counteract the opposition there.

The Pension office will be the place for the inaugural bill, and next week the arrangements for its use will be well under way. The admission ticket will cost only \$5.

The morning reports show that the military committee has received letters from the Fourth Regiment of Maryland, the Fourteenth Regiment of Ohio, the York Rifle Association of Pennsylvania and the Newport Artillery of Rhode Island.

Major Pelletier, clerk to the chairman, Col. Clay, has written to adjutant generals of the States asking to be informed as to the companies and regiments which expect to visit Washington. No free quarters will be provided, it is learned, and all civic and military organizations will be expected to pay for their accommodations.

Chairman Wright of the public comfort committee reports that he has secured and inspected accommodations in residences, hotels and halls for 50,000 persons. His committee last evening was reorganized, with sixty members present.

NO COLOR LINE.

Col. Wright states that the color line will not be drawn in any shape or form. He has appointed upon his committee twenty prominent colored men and they are promised to care for all colored citizens and organizations.

"I am giving personal attention to this matter. Colored people will come here and my committee will see that they get good sleeping places, meals and everything to make them comfortable. There will not be the slightest friction and the people of Washington will be glad to be courteous to all—white or black."

The time of Mr. Bell's Corresponding Secretary Brackett and Recording Secretary Walker is entirely occupied this week in the consideration of routine matters and in replying to the letters received. Suggestions and inquiries as to the badges, stands, banquet and reception are pouring in, and they are referred at once to the proper committees.

No cranks have called at the headquarters, but a number of queer communications have come in.

A photographer, who describes himself as "a live-long Republican," wants to get a group picture of the executive committee. "These fellows are particularly lively about this time," he jocularly commented on of the committee.

Another citizen of fertile imagination sent a number of highly colored illustrations of an incomprehensible plan of decorating the city. His letter:

"Dear Sir: The undersigned, a citizen of this city since the close of the war, has learned that the executive committee will meet tonight to make important decisions.

"For this reason I take the liberty to include you four prepared plans, and to be heard. The general information, obtained by extensive voyages, will enable me to lay a plan of grandeur before you for the benefit of all, but especially to those who could not participate in the grand hall or at the banquet. Very courteously yours,

"P. S.—All thirteen arches to have four balconies each to be a reserve for each State's lady visitors."

"I have not yet been able," said Major Brackett, "to understand what this writer wants. It reminds me, however, of a fellow who suggested to me for the Maryland Centennial that we erect a memorial structure. He really said it would cost only about \$2,000,000."

A communication has been received purporting to give the correct figure of the attendance during recent great events here. It is estimated that at Cleveland's first inauguration 84,000 visitors were present; 73,000 at the Knights Templar, 54,000 at Harrison's inauguration, 107,000 at the G. A. R. encampment, 65,000 at Cleveland's second inauguration, and 32,787 at the Knights of Pythias convocation.

"These figures are way off," said Major Brackett. "There were at least 300,000 strangers here when Cleveland was first inaugurated."

Among the callers today were Chairman B. H. Warner, John B. Wright, H. S. Ward, Judge John C. Chaney, Gen. Williams and M. I. Weller.

They called to discuss committee work Mr. Bell and to consult him in regard to minor details.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STANDS.

Under the provisions of a joint resolution now pending before Congress, directed by the House, the committee on the Capitol, of which John M. Wilson, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and Building Inspector John B. Brady are constituted a committee to pass upon all sites suggested for observation stands for the inaugural occasion. Their

approval of locations, as well as of the character of the construction proposed, will be necessary to adoption.

The committee of architects whose designs are in the hands of the inaugural executive committee, has been invited to furnish a list of the members of the Washington Chapter, with the view, possibly, of having the organization represented in the subcommittee on stands.

FAVORS RECOGNITION.

Probably Favorable Report on Senator Cameron's Cuban Resolution.

A prominent member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations is authority for the statement that the committee was this morning polled, and that it will probably tomorrow morning order a favorable report on Senator Cameron's resolution calling for the recognition of the republic of Cuba, and offering the friendly offices of the United States to bring the war to a close.

LI HUNG CAN BE EMPEROR

Uprising Is Threatened Among the Masses in Southern China.

All That Is Needed Is That the Old Viceroy Give the Signal for Revolt.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—Latest advices from Canton, via the steamship Empress of India, state that the new viceroy is bitterly hated by the masses; that he messes and muddles up official business, is firm where he should be easy, and exhibits ferocity when he should exercise discretion and tact.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition are said to be pouring into the Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces through every available channel, and the viceroy is reported to be very uneasy because he has reason to believe that secret societies are very active throughout southern China.

It appears, in fact, that there is every prospect of the masses rising in the southern provinces in the near future and in such a determined manner that the inscription will not be easily suppressed. It is a step like this that will lead to the overthrow of the present Chinese dynasty, and all that is needed for Li Hung Chang to become emperor of China.

A Tokio dispatch says that Dr. Goto Shimpei, chief of the sanitary bureau of the home department, is reported to be preparing a scheme for the gradual suppression of the opium habit in Formosa. Among those addicted to the habit are at least 500,000 natives.

CALIFORNIA'S CHOICE.

Wants Horace Davis to Go in the McKinley Cabinet.

California has decided whom she wants in the Cabinet. At least the Republican members of the California delegation have fixed it up.

At the meeting three names were first proposed: M. H. DeYoung, former Senator Charles F. Johnson and Judge W. W. R. Representative Lord withdrew the name of Mr. DeYoung with the statement that he had no desire for a place in the Cabinet. After some discussion the name of San Francisco State University's Dr. Horace Davis was brought up and was agreed upon as the unanimous choice of the delegation.

Mr. Davis is a son of the late Senator John Davis of Maryland, and a brother of Judge Davis of the Court of Claims. He is a lawyer, but for several years he has been interested extensively in four mills, and has not practiced his profession. Mr. Davis entered Congress in 1877, when Mr. McKinley began his first term in the House. He was a time president of the California State University. The delegation did not endorse him for any particular place, but would prefer to have him given the Interior or the War Department.

FLAGS FOR THE MARBLEHEAD

United States Cruiser Is Presented With a Splendid Set.

New York, Dec. 17.—The United States cruiser Marblehead was presented this afternoon with a splendid set of colors, consisting of a large silken American flag and several smaller ones, the gift of citizens of Marblehead, the Bay State town in whose honor the name was chosen.

The presentation took place aboard ship shortly before 3 o'clock at the Brooklyn navy yard, where the cruiser is making ready preparatory to joining Admiral Buxton's North Atlantic squadron for the winter cruise.

In an appropriate speech Mr. Henry C. Sparkhawk, member of the board of selection of Marblehead, presented the collection of flags to the commander, Commander Theodore F. Jewett, of the Marblehead, received them and warmly thanked the givers for their patriotic gift.

The ceremonies were witnessed by a large party of naval officials.

HAS LANDED HER CARGO.

Three Friends Again Successful, Although Pursued by Cruisers.

New York, Dec. 17.—A long special from Key West, Fla., says: "The Three Friends, it is reported, has landed her cargo on the south shore of Cuba.

The war material, it is said, is now in the hands of the insurgents.

The Three Friends was pursued by two Spanish warships, but they were unable to catch her.

Injured in Rear-End Collision.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Four persons were more or less seriously injured in a rear-end collision on the Lehigh Valley Railroad just south of Louisiana street, in this city, this morning, when Rev. William S. Hubbell, No. 106 Oakland avenue, late pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, this city, who had an arm broken. The accident was due to the dense fog that overhung the city early this morning, rendering the signals invisible.

Lasker Is Still Ahead.

Moscow, Dec. 17.—The eleventh game of the championship chess match between Steinitz and Lasker, a queen's gambit declined, was won by Lasker, after sixty-six moves. Present score: Lasker, 7; Steinitz, 6; drawn, 4.

Steward Fell Overboard.

Queensland, Dec. 17.—The White Star Line steamer Britannia, from New York, December 19, has arrived here. She reports that last evening the steward of the ship, whose name was Galt, fell overboard, and was drowned.

Swiss President Elected.

Berne, Dec. 17.—The federal assembly today elected Dr. Adolph Deucher president of the Swiss Confederation for 1897, and Mr. E. Ruffy, the present minister of the Interior, vice president. Mr. Deucher was vice president for 1895 and for 1896.

Ivy Institute Business College, 8th and K. None better. \$25 a year, day or night. Watch for a town. Congress Heights.

IN MEMORIAM.



TRIED TWICE TO END LIFE

Demented Miss Lucy Wager Wanted to Drown Herself.

SHE RAN AWAY FROM HOME

Made Her First Attempt at the Seventh Street Ferry Wharf and the Second on the "Belle Haven."

Taken to Alexandria, Where She Confessed Her Purpose.

Miss Lucy Wager, an aged lady, residing at No. 1015 North Capitol street, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the river from the Alexandria ferry wharf at the foot of Seventh street, and again from the ferryboat Belle Haven, about 8 o'clock this morning, but was prevented both times.

Mr. Lucien Duffy was on the wharf, when he saw a woman about to throw herself overboard. He jumped forward and caught her just in time.

She then went aboard the ferry boat, but the officers watched her closely, and when she again attempted to cast herself into the water, were on hand to prevent it.

Upon the arrival of the boat in Alexandria, she was handed over to Officer Wilkinson, who took her to police headquarters.

HER RIGHT NAME.

She at first gave her name as Nelly Jones, but afterward admitted that it was Lucy Wager and that she lived in Washington at the above address with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Wager.

When asked why she had attempted to end her life by drowning she replied that it was a sure way, but that she had managed badly.

She said that she could not remember her age, but the officers judged from her appearance she must be about sixty years old.

She was attired in a plain black gown, over which was thrown a gray shawl, but on her head she had only a light wrap.

When questioned further as to her history, Miss Wager said that she had been a resident of Washington for a number of years, but that she formerly lived in Harper's Ferry, where she had a large amount of property destroyed by fire.

It is believed by the Alexandria police that the woman is demented, and she will be held until some one appears to take charge of her.

A FAMOUS FAMILY.

This foreign Inspector Hollnberger received a message from the Alexandria police informing him of the fact.

Earlier today Mr. Hollnberger had been requested to look after a demented woman named Miss Wager, who had escaped from the home of her sister, No. 1015 North Capitol street, without hat, coat or other covering.

Her friends have been notified to visit the Alexandria police station and identify her.

Miss Wager is forty years of age, and a niece of the late Chief Justice Wayne of the United States Supreme Court, and Major Wayne of New York, who lost one of his legs at the Battle of Chickamauga.

Miss Wager had been an inmate of St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum, but escaped from there and was being cared for by her sister when she ran away this morning.

Schooner Puritan Ashore.

Keeper Stanley, of the life saving station at Seaboard, Mass., telegraphs Supt. Kimball, of the life saving bureau, that the American schooner Puritan, bound from Portland to Gloucester, with a cargo of empty barrels, stranded a mile north of the Seaboard station yesterday, and that the crew of eight men was saved by the use of the life line.

Minister Cox Returning.

Minister Magrane Cox, who has been in Washington several days receiving instructions, will leave here tomorrow by way of San Francisco, to return to his post at Guatemala and Honduras.

Swordsmen Ross in the City.

Duncan C. Ross, the champion swordsman of the world, arrived in Washington today. Mr. Ross will meet Corporal Nelson K. High, of Troop A, Sixth United States Cavalry, on Saturday evening.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 17.—Brunner Bros., retail jewelers, assigned yesterday. The assets are estimated at \$40,000 and liabilities at \$30,000.

EARTHQUAKE IN WALES.

Two Severe Shocks—Cathedral of Hereford Slightly Damaged.

London, Dec. 17.—Two strong shocks of earthquake were felt throughout Wales, the Midlands and the south of England early this morning. The first shock occurred at 3 o'clock, and the second at 5:30. The waves passing from west to east. Houses were violently shaken, beds moved from their places, doors forced open, and furniture overturned.

Telegrams from all quarters concur in the statement that the first shock was of thirty minutes' duration and was followed by a loud, rumbling sound and minor tremblings of the earth.

The second shock was shorter, but more severe. Many people in London, Chesham and other places rushed out of their houses, but no one was hurt. The cathedral at Hereford was damaged somewhat, but no other serious damage reported.

OBJECT TO HOTEL CHARGES

Philadelphia Clubs Find Fault With Washington Inaugural Rates.

Say There Is a Combine—Talking Now of Chartering Sleeping and Dining Cars.

(Special to The Times.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Republican clubs of this city are up in arms over an alleged combine of Washington hotel keepers.

A call is to be issued shortly for a meeting of representatives of the various local political organizations that are likely to attend the inauguration of President-elect McKinley on the 4th of March next.

The proposed meeting grows out of a trip made to Washington a few days ago by a committee of the Pensacola Club.

The Philadelphia clubs visited the Capital with a view of securing quarters for the members of the organization during the inauguration period. When they learned the rates at the various hotels the committee nearly fainted.

They were informed, they claim, that they would have to sign a contract for five days and nights, at a charge would be from \$6 to \$8 per day for each person, with from four to six persons in each room.

As a result of that trip the statesmen declare that the hotel men of Washington have formed a combination or trust for the purpose of "squeezeing" the clubs that attend the inauguration. The Philadelphia clubs declare that they will not be squeezed, and they propose to get even with the hotel men by remaining away from their hotels.

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ANOTHER BOLD ROBBERY.

E. W. Smille's House Was Plundered of Valuable Jewelry.

The headquarters detectives are at work on another robbery, evidently the work of professionals.

Thomas W. Smille, No. 1808 R street northwest, reported today that his residence was entered between 7 and 8 o'clock Monday evening by means of a false or skeleton key.

After ransacking the place the burglars got away with a gold locket, large emerald brooch, gold brooch, garnet setting, two plain gold rings, one Columbian brooch, a carnal brooch, World's Fair souvenirs, gold scarf pin, pair gold bracelets and a set of gold shirt studs, at a total value of \$100.

It is believed this was the work of the same crooks who entered and robbed Mr. Aukman's house, as described in The Evening Times yesterday. They work from the second story with skeleton keys or jimmy.

BLOCKED BY THE SNOW.

Railroad Traffic Suspended in the Bay State.

Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 17.—Up to 9:30 o'clock this forenoon no trains had reached here from Cape Cod since noon yesterday. All the wires below Buzzard's Bay are down, and no train has reached that section from below since yesterday noon.

The streets here are badly blocked, and the mails from Boston are at least eight hours late.

Ohio Miners Accept a Reduction.

Mason, Ohio, Dec. 17.—After being on a strike for some months the 300 miners at Wainwright have accepted 51 cents per ton, as offered by the Midvale Goshen Company.

M'KINLEY IS IN CHICAGO

Arrived There This Morning and Will Not Stay Long.

LARGE CROWD AT THE DEPOT

Greeted Him With Hearty Cheers as He Emerged From the Building. His First Inquiry Upon Meeting His Friend Was Concerning His Wife's Health.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Major McKinley arrived at the Union station at 8 o'clock this morning in the private car of J. S. Brooks, general counsel of the Pennsylvania Road, which was attached to the New York express. The trip from Canton was without incident.

Major McKinley slept well and is in excellent spirits this morning. He is looking forward with pleasure to the period of recreation which awaits him. Lafayette Williams was the first person to greet Major McKinley upon his arrival. He invited the whole party to take breakfast at the Union League Club, but arrangements had already been made to serve the meal on the car, which was placed on a siding a short distance from the station.

CHEERED BY THE CROWD.

It was 9 o'clock when Major McKinley left the car and walked through the station to the street where Capt. McWilliams' carriage was waiting. As the President-elect emerged from the station he was heartily cheered by a large crowd which had assembled, and it was with difficulty that he made his way to the carriage.

Capt. H. O. Holstead, who is Major McKinley's confidential secretary, drove with him to the residence of Capt. McWilliams. Major McKinley said this morning that he expected to spend the day quietly with his wife and did not expect to receive any callers of note.

His first utterance when Capt. McWilliams boarded the car this morning was an inquiry about the health of his wife, and he expressed great satisfaction when he was assured that her health had improved daily since she came to Chicago.

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PRESSURE UPON TURKEY.

Powers Will Demand More Reforms Than They Expect to Get.

New York, Dec. 17.—A special cable dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says: The return of the Russian ambassador, M. De Nolhoff, yesterday afternoon created a mild flutter of speculative excitement, as he is the bearer of the latest directions of the czar for the future policy of Russia.

The general opinion here is that Russia has not changed her policy of firm moral pressure to obtain the necessary reforms, in conjunction with the other powers, but will show equal firmness against force being used.

The powers will, in the opinion of a high diplomat, now formulate extensive demands, but are prepared to accept much less than they ask for. A sensational account published in the London Daily Mail, representing that a reign of terror is existing here owing to the arrest of a few young Turks, is wildly imaginative.

A dispatch from Conza, Crete, December 14, states that the gendarmerie reorganization committee has arrived there and has calmed the excitement that was prevailing.

WARRIORS BOLD ARE THEY

Many More Volunteers Want to Die Fighting for Cuba.

Tacoma Has a Whole Regiment Ready to Go Against Spain—Trained Nurses at Minneapolis.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 17.—Tacoma has offered a regiment of 1,200 men, all well drilled and offered by thorough tacticians, to help the United States destroy the power of Spain in Cuba. The offer was made in the following telegram:

"To Senator Walter C. Squire: For Cuba's freedom Tacoma has a volunteer regiment to place at disposal of government."

"W. F. FIFE."

The work of organizing was begun several months ago, when the talk of war with Spain was first heard. Officers were carefully chosen and the men were thoroughly drilled. The plan has been kept a secret, and no one outside the organization has been allowed to get an inkling of what was going on.

The formation of the regiment is of four battalions of three companies each. Each company has its full complement of 100 men. Col. Fife has been chosen the commander of the regiment.

Union, Ill., Dec. 17.—The people of this country forcibly expressed their sympathy for Cuba last evening at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, held at the Hotel Weyler and the Spanish flag.

Deatur, Mich., Dec. 17.—A number of young men of Buchanan have organized an expedition to go to Cuba in aid of the insurgents.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—Several trained nurses of this city have volunteered to go to Cuba, and they agree to pay their own expenses if some one will arrange matters so that they can get there. Eighty men have volunteered, and the idea in New York has been telegraphed to see if there was not some way in which the nurses in particular could reach Cuba, as it is believed that there are fully a dozen nurses here who are willing to go.

HIS SCAFFOLD IN READINESS.

Marlboro Has Completed Preparations for Hanging James Smith.

Special to The Times.

Upper Marlboro, Md., Dec. 17.—James Smith's hours are numbered. The young colored man, who murdered No. 16 in "murderers' row" at a long time the murderer maintained a spirit of indifference as to his fate, and smilingly welcomed the death which was awaiting him.

A colored Baptist minister has made daily visits to his cell. He sang and prayed with the prisoner, and Smith finally consented to prepare for the inevitable. Yesterday he devoted his hours to studying the reading of the Bible and praying fervently.

He has been provided with a new suit of dark clothing by Sheriff Underwood, who went to Baltimore this morning. Smith, securely handcuffed, will be taken to an early train tomorrow morning, guarded by Mr. Underwood and Deputy Warden No. 16. The party will reach here about 10:30 o'clock a. m. In the meantime all the arrangements for the execution have been perfected, and the gallows will be ready to receive the condemned man.

The drop will fall between 11 o'clock and noon, unless there is some mishap, which is not looked for.

A number of invitations to the hanging, neatly printed cards, have been issued, and it is expected that a large crowd will witness the execution.

The last murderers to expiate their offense at the jail here were Pinkney and Barbour, the negroes who murdered Mr. Bowie. The next hanging after that of Smith will be George Matthews, convicted of the murder of James J. Irwin, unless his sentence is commuted. Matthews is also in the Baltimore jail and will tomorrow be removed to cell No. 16, which will be vacated by Smith.

KILLED HIS SISTER

Twelve-Year-Old John Masterson's Poor Aim Cost a Life.

John Masterson's poor marksmanship with a shotgun cost his sister her life this forenoon.

John is a colored boy twelve years of age and his sister, Martha E. Masterson, was seven her last birthday. They live with their parents on Pierce Mill road, beyond Georgetown and near the President's summer home.

About 8 o'clock this morning a large flock of sparrows settled down near the Masterson home and John ran into the house and seized his father's shotgun. Returning to the lot in front of the house he was followed by little Martha, who wanted to see John bring down the birds.

He raised the gun and fired, but instead of striking the birds the load of shot entered his sister's body, tearing a great hole in her head.

She was taken into the house, one side of her face being torn off, and Dr. E. W. Slaymaker summoned. He could do nothing for the badly injured child, and she died about 10:15 o'clock.

The Georgetown police were notified, but decided that the shot was accidental. Coroner Hammett was notified.

Recaptured in Baltimore.

James Plaxton and William Bate, two lads who recently escaped from the Industrial Home School, were recaptured yesterday in Baltimore. They were returned to the school today.

Flooring, \$1.50 for 100 Feet.

Bed-dried heart, one width, one length. Libby &